

**Amendments to the Drawing Figures:**

The attached drawing sheets include proposed changes to FIGs. 1-3 and replaces the original sheets including FIGs. 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets.

**REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1-9, adds new claims 10-11, and amends FIGs. 1-3.

Accordingly, claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents.

New claims 10-11 are added to at least partially restore the original range of claims that existed before multiple dependencies were removed in the preliminary amendment. No new matter is added.

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 2, 6 and 8 define patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

**35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Office Action rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 9, and respectfully submits that claim 9 as amended is fully compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claim 9 be withdrawn.

**35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Marshall et al. 5,706,061 ("Marshall") in view of Shimizu et al. U.S. Patent 6,511,183 ("Shimizu").

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims 1-3, 5 and 7 are patentable over Marshall in view of Shimizu for at least the following reasons.

**Claim 1**

Among other things, in the system of claim 1, the frequency of the lamp is

controlled so as to be less than and related to the frame rate of the display device.

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Marshall and Shimizu would produce a system including such a combination of features. In particular, Marshall specifically teaches away from an arrangement where the frequency of the lamp is controlled so as to be less than and related to the frame rate of the display device, and instead teaches specifically that the frequency of the lamp should be much greater than the frame rate of the display device (see e.g., col. 8, lines 15-23, 44-46).

Therefore, no possible combination of Marshall and Shimizu would produce a system wherein the frequency of the lamp is controlled so as to be less than and related to the frame rate of the display device.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over any possible combination of Marshall and Shimizu.

Claim 3

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and is deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claim 5

Among other things, the method of claim 5 includes controlling the frequency of the lamp so as to be less than and related to the frame rate of the display device.

As explained above with respect to claim 1, no possible combination of Marshall and Shimizu would produce a method wherein the frequency of the lamp is controlled so as to be less than and related to the frame rate of the display device.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over any possible combination of Marshall and Shimizu.

Claim 7

Claim 7 depends from claim 5 and is deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 5.

**NEW CLAIMS 10-11**

New claims 10 and 11 depend respectively from claims 2 and which already

have been indicated to define patentable subject matter.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-11 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

VOLENTINE & WHITT

By:   
Kenneth D. Springer  
Registration No. 39,843

VOLENTINE & WHITT  
One Freedom Square  
11951 Freedom Drive, Suite 1260  
Reston, Virginia 20190  
Telephone No.: (571) 283.0724  
Facsimile No.: (571) 283.0740 ,

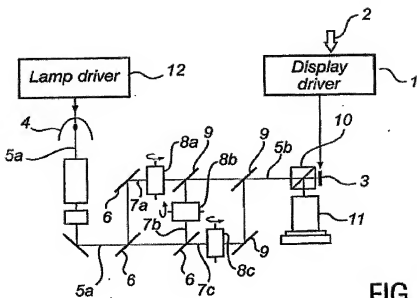


FIG. 1  
PRIOR ART

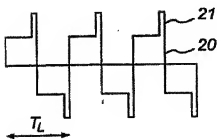


FIG. 3  
PRIOR ART

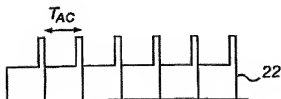


FIG. 4

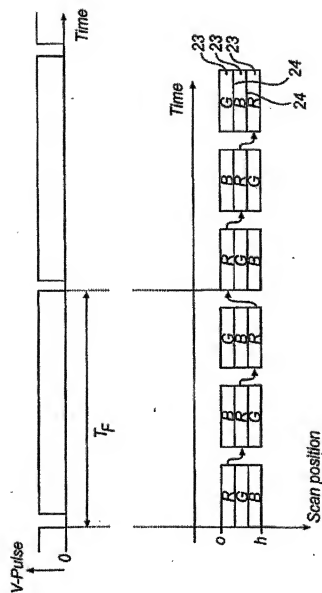


FIG. 2

PRIOR ART